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"A Gerry!"



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"K Comp'ny artillery commander speakin'."

Front & Center

One hundred years after its birth, the US tobacco industry is in the midst of a fierce and intensifying struggle that will determine whether cigarette smoking survives as an American custom or becomes the secret habit of a tiny minority. The hostilities, begun 20 years ago when the US surgeon general declared smoking hazardous, pit the tobacco industry, which contributes \$57 billion annually to the gross national product, against the nation's leading health organizations and a burgeoning number of nonsmokers' rights groups.

Postcard from Chaplain JOE and Margaret PEYTON. They made Germany after C.

The word from MALCOLM MOOMEY, that's Moomey, not Mooney, (B 19th '43-'45), is that he and Bette have pulled stakes. They have left St. Charles and St. Louis, MO for 375 W. Brannen, Highland Village, Lakeland, FL 33803. And just in time, too, we say -- with winter coming. Malcolm retired, liked Lakeland, so bought a house there and moved in last summer. Happy days, Mal and Bette. Phone 813-644-1205.

A true friend remembers your birthday, but not which one.

Good to see WILSON and Lucille DABERKO, (24th Sig. '40-'44), of Uhrichsville OH at C. Bill is out of furniture and is now a bank president. Take care of him, Lucy. We love him.

September typhoon in PI took 1450 lives, mainly on Mindanao and the Visayas. A 1951 cyclone killed 763.

Watch the Congress play footsies with the immigration bill. We're about to offer legal status to aliens who illegally entered the US before a certain date. It's the same old style solution; if we can't control a problem, we legalize it.

Beautiful \$80.00 contribution in from JERRY VON MOHR (AT 19 '45), of 3846 Villanova, Kettering OH "to keep us going" as he says. Thank you, Jerry.

JOE POTAMI (C 21st '44-'46) of 235 Hamilton, Harrisburg PA, has made a few sick calls -- doesn't say why -- but happily reports that he's back on his feet.



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Association membership is open to anyone and everyone who wears or ever wore the Taro Leaf or served in any of its attached units. Dues are \$10.00 per annum, inclusive of a subscription to Taro Leaf.

While there are numerous statistics that illustrate the scope of the smoking problem there is one comparison that is most vivid: Cigarette-related diseases kill more Americans each year (an estimated 340,000, according to the surgeon general) than died in all of World War II (292,131).

He combined the eloquence of Gov. Cuomo, the fire of Jesse Jackson, the Claghorn-type bombast of Ted Kennedy, and the florid diction of Tip O'Neill. That says much about our honored C. guest, Maj. Gen. H. NORMAN SCHWARZKOPF, the Division Commander. He held us on the edges of our respective seats as he weaved the tale of Grenada from the moment he was ordered to "appear in uniform C" in Atlanta for a secret mission until he came back to Stewart a week later. It was a thriller and we're grateful to him for sharing some of the confidences with us. We're right proud of you, General.

"Red Dawn", is rated "PG" for parental guidance, but it should be rated "T" for turkey.



Sp 4 FRANK ATKINSON throws the grappling hook so as to clear a lane during the recent breaching exercise at Stewart. US Army photo.

Life is an adventure to be lived, not a problem to be solved.



Without any doubt, at C. there was a torrent of Chautauque rhetoric passing between these two -- our incoming prexy RAY KRESKY and past-president PAUL WISECUP.

Today's trivia: You're a baseball expert if you can name the only major league player to collect three hits in one inning.

**Send NEWS,
DUES
and
PICTURES** any
**we could
use . . .**



At Ease

The Netherland Plaza, opened in '31, was flavored throughout with French Art Deco, heavily influenced by nature. Flowers and plants were everywhere. Beautiful -- which says nothing about their ---- elevators.

ALTON K. HALSO (19th '40-'45), of Rt. 4, Box 399, Kinston NC has been through surgery. Doing okay, per DALLAS DICK at C.

They'll Do It Every Time



Our own BOBBY DEWS is getting nationwide publicity -- via the funnies:



Sp 4 FRANK ATKINSON cuts through the wire entanglement while clearing one of the obstacles during the recent breaching exercise at Stewart. US Army photograph.

We stole this from the "Boston Globe."
We liked it and believe you will too.

The Boston Globe

Sunday, September 30, 1984



PETER ANDERSON
Off the Road

Old men, old wars

I boarded the bus for Augusta at the Boston station the cab driver calls "the 'Hound'" and began reading "The Last Lion," a biography of Winston Churchill, and read of a single attack against the Germans that cost the English 11,000 men in World War I. That figure of slaughter interested me because I have been interviewing veterans of World War II. The things they saw were terrible things, but World War I must have been worse. I left the bus in Augusta and rented a car, rented a room. In the morning I had an appointment in North Vassalboro.

The fellow had told me to watch for the big brick school on the ridge on the right. Fog was thick and I was worried I might miss the landmark and keep the fellow waiting, and he had business that morning picking apples. I did not see much of the town, did not see if it has a Civil War monument as so many towns do, usually a soldier leaning on a long rifle. Monuments to the last world war are usually tablets set in granite, monument enough, perhaps. We do not dwell on past wars, and the war was a long time ago and is remembered well only by those who were there.

I talked to a fellow in Norwood who told me: "I remember everything that happened in the Marines. I remember being 17 and leaving by train for Parris Island and the smoke coming through the windows and cinders falling on the train seats."

A paratrooper in Ludlow might have told me more but did not; he said it would sound like fiction. A paratrooper in Agawam said he didn't think of the war much, though it would come back to him some nights when he would awake to hear his elderly neighbor speaking German. All of them said it was a long time ago, and then they would say it doesn't seem that long ago. They think of it now because old men think long thoughts.

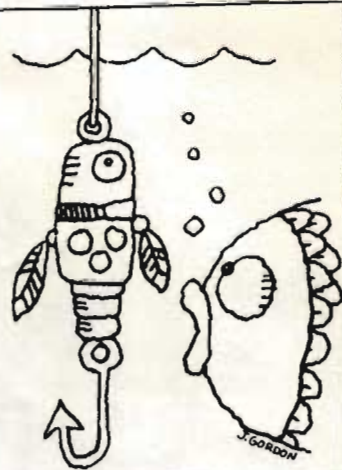
The fellow in Quincy said, "Everything that happened to me is before the war and after the war. When I got home I bought a car for \$50, a '37 Pontiac. That car took me to Montreal and back on our honeymoon." He was 28, his wife was 19. "We bought a crackerbox of a house in Pembroke (Mass.) for \$5000. It cost about \$40 a month, principal, interest and taxes, and I used to lie awake nights worrying about it."

Some soldiers told me their story as if it were stored in their head like a poem; others could not remember details, but there is a remedy for this - patience. Almost always, usually near the end of an hour, something is said, a memory unlocked, and the soldier remembers. One fellow told me about the time he and his unit surprised the enemy on a beach and killed many of them. An air strike was called for, not to kill the enemy but to bury them.

The fellow in North Vassalboro was waiting for me in his driveway at 7:45 a.m., the appointed hour. I told him I would not take much of his time, because I knew he had business picking apples. He was gracious and he was surprised that a big city paper would seek him out. He sat in his parlor and told me his story. His wife offered me coffee; their grandchild rolled on the floor with a big old dog. We talked an hour or so and I took my leave. His wife stopped me in the doorway while she hurried to get some apples for me.

I looked out and saw a herd of pigs and raised the alarm. "Oh," she cried to her husband, "they're in my tomatoes again." The pigs looked comical running up the hill, so big and so easily routed. I took my leave, ate a new apple as I drove and felt good about the visit, the wholesomeness of the place and the people. The man survived sniper fire, mortar shells, artillery rounds. Men had died to the left of him and to the right of him, but he came home unharmed and lived to see grandchildren. He and the others I talked to are arguments for a word I seldom hear now, predestination.

Fishing for ideas?



Fishing for ideas -- yet? Yes we are. And this is the last call. If you have a story you'd like to see included in our forthcoming History, you'd better get it by reply mail to ye Editor. It may be too late, but we'll give it a go. Any good story which will be of interest to the membership will be welcome, whether funny, or sad, or simply factual. Credit line will be given, of course. So here's your chance to write a book -- or a part thereof -- before you go to your Maker.

We could enjoy the day more if it started later.

Our C. conventioners had the ill-mannerliness, the audacity, the unmitigated cheek to propose a return to Louisville in '85 -- we've already been there thrice (is there such a word?) -- but the proposal carried -- and away we go.

Didja ever try reading an insurance policy -- life or health or accident or fire or whatever -- and know what you'd just read when you got all through. If we ever get to Congress, the first thing we're going to do is pass a law to make the insurers talk straight out English and cut out the gobbledegook.

While an estimated 34 million people have given up cigarettes, about 55 million in the United States continue smoking. A national survey conducted by Louis Harris and Associates Inc. last year found that the proportion of the adult population that smokes is at its lowest level ever. The survey also showed that blacks and working class whites were more likely than other demographic groups to smoke.

TOM and Garrith NORTOF (Hq. 52 F '45) made C. from Louisville -- and walked right into a buzz saw. Tom's to be our '85 convention chairman.





Sp 4 PHILLIP A. YEAGLEY of D Co. 3/19 Infantry covers the breaching force team while under fire. US Army photograph.

Trivia answer: Gene Stephens, who had two singles and a double in a 17-run seventh inning as the Red Sox beat Detroit, 23-3, on June 18, 1953.

35th Infantry Division (Mech) was reborn last Aug. 25th - at Leavenworth. The outfit, known as the Sante Fe Division, was inactivated in 1963. Manned by a unique five-state merger of National Guard units, it is the ninth National Guard division and the twenty-fifth in the Army. The 29th Infantry Division, formed by units from Virginia and Maryland, is scheduled for activation as a 10,000-man light division in 1986.



It may come out all grey but we're risking it as we want badly to show ART and Esther MCCAULLEY (AT 34th '42-'45), of Fountain Minn. A lovely couple -- and they did much to brighten the C. atmosphere.

Hail to all members of the JOHN ROBERT and Mary SHAY family for pitching in so wonderfully at C -- running the bar, mixing the drinks, packing the ice, selling the tickets, taking the guff -- wonderful family -- Thanks to Dave, Ronnie & John.



The Bulletin Board

Membership statistics for the year Aug. '83 - Aug. '84 - submitted by our energetic Membership Chairman LEE LIST:

Following SIII, we had 1628 members.

As of C., we had 1545 members.

In the "between" period, our losses and gains were:

Losses:

23	deceased
285	dropped for failure to pay dues
3	dropped due to non-interest
7	dropped due to duplicate entry
10	dropped - mail returned
<u>328</u>	

Gains:

158	recruited by List
87	recruited by other members
<u>245</u>	



Who else? - at C. our outgoing prexy, BOB SHAY, on the left - and an old, old past-prexy, BILL SANDERSON on the left. C. photos courtesy of C.G. HANLIN and/or Mary SHAY.



STAN and Dorothy GROSS (A 63rd F '42-'45), of 375 W. Fremont, Galesbury IL at C. - along with a few empties. Nothing person intended, Dottie - and Stan. The empties were ours -- on the other side of the table.

William Blake once advised: "Think in the morning. Act in the noon. Eat in the evening."

If the 18th-Century English poet had been with us in C. on our Friday evening of togetherness, he might have advised otherwise.

Sorry 'bout that, JOHN KLUMP, but that "German dinner" was a turkey!!!



At C. -- LEE LIST, (B 21st), FRED KING (E 19th), and JESSE FOSTER (E 19th). There were 7 men from E 19th at C. Lee and Jesse gave AMOS JOHNSON a Life Membership. That's comradeship for you.

Army's New Hummer is the 1½-ton all-purpose vehicle designed to replace the Jeep. Gen. SCHWARTZKOPF says there's only one Jeep left at Stewart and adds, "And that one's mine, and I'm going to keep it." We like the man. Hummer, by the way, is the acronym for High Mobility, Multi-purpose Wheeled Vehicle". Acronym?? You figure it out, we're lost.



JOHN KLUMP, the nuts - and - bolts man at C. His effort as Convention Chairman was masterful. Said John: "I'll never do it again." We know what he meant. It's a thankless job. Lovely Hilda was ever at his side helping in dozens -- make that hundreds -- of ways. We're grateful to them both and to all of the members of their wonderful family for all they did to make C. a success.

Are Your Dues Past Due?



This one may not reproduce too well--- those Kodachromes -- but we'll risk it because it's JERRY VON MOHR and he deserves to be included in our pages. We have over 200 pictures taken at C. but to use them here would be absolutely hopeless.

Best thing this administration could do would be to throw the Army, Navy, Air Force -- and yes, the Marines -- into the matter of meeting and defeating the trafficking of drugs into this country. We could stop it, if we really tried. Any country that can put men on the moon can stop a bunch of drug smugglers.



The indisputable fact is that we are in the late afternoon, if not the twilight, of our careers, and we savored every minute of this chance to refresh ourselves with the renewal of old and warm friendships.

Old "Eagle Eye" JOE PEYTON sends us literature on the 37th Div.Assoc. They were meeting at the Hilton Inn in Columbus, OH. Room for 1 person was \$33; for 2 persons \$33.

At C., VALENTINE SCHAAF, (H 21 '41-'45), of 6850 NW Helvetia, Hillsboro, OR, thrust into our hand a \$100 note -- as a contribution.

Cruisin' Down the River

About a year has passed since we last reported on our "contributors" -- those who responded to a recent call for HELP and including those who would set in a check for one reason or another and would beautifully P.S. us with the words like "and throw any left over in the kitty". We are tickled to advise that there's a sweet purr coming from the direction of kitty's box, thanks to the likes of the following -- and why:

Brockelbank, Jr., Chester	5.00	Fraser, Paul A.	5.00	Booth, Robin L.	30.00
Nicoletta, Salvatore	5.00	Rosenbeck, Richard	5.00	Mason, C.B.	20.00
Olson, Milford A.	5.00	Sparks, Kenneth	3.00	Hardin, Robert B.	10.00
Suber, Tom W.	10.00	McGee, Jerry	25.00	May, Sam R.	25.00
Gross, Stanley F.	2.05	Buchovich, Joseph	2.05	Myers, Bobby L.	20.00
Seck, John F.	5.00	Blunnie, Patrick J.	100.00	Van Hook, Don	100.00
Wittman, Harry L.	10.00	Cox, George	5.00	Foster, Jesse L.	20.00
Murga, Jesse A.	5.00	McNabb, Kenneth	5.00	Weatherly, Marion K.	25.00
Fies, Raymond W.	10.00	Pennington, J.D.	5.00	Balestrieri, Ralph R.	5.00
Daigle, Joseph	10.00	Cassidy, Jerome E.	5.00	Fournier, Marcel	5.00
Kemper, James	20.00	Jones, Howard C.	3.00	Fentner, Kenneth	5.00
Owens, Jim	15.00	Dahlen, Chester A.	10.00	Kolodzie, John	2.00
Anderson, William E.	5.00	Champion, James R.	5.00	Brown, John A.	10.00
Pfister, Ralph	5.00	Vaught, James B.	1.15	Blacker, Kemuel K.	5.00
Skipper, J.W.	22.05	Simpson, Roy C.	5.00	Hobbs, Jack E.	5.00
Prystal, Joseph S.	5.00	Simmers, Oliver	3.05	Hinkle, Donald R.	5.00
Wyand, Walter S.	5.00	Olsen, Fredrik	10.00	Diskan, A. Elmer	5.00
Narcinko, Joseph	10.00	Oeder, Carl H.	15.00	McKeon, Joe	15.00
Ford, George L.	10.00	Ross, Kenwood	115.00	Wilson, Robert A.	20.00
Peyton, Joseph I.	100.00	Olds, Leslie	5.00	Clark, Lester L.	5.00
Smith, Frank A.	5.00	Moomey, Malcolm	10.00	Tominaga, George T.	5.00
Langone, Joseph A.	5.00	Morrison, John	5.00	Reinick, Victor	5.00
Hearn, Thomas A.	5.00	Braden, Albert H.	5.00	Clinton, Patrick	15.00
Leen, Richard W.	3.50	Cantalupo, Joseph	5.00	Easterday, Virgil	5.00
Rogers, John E.	1.50	Chase, Donald A.	5.00	Fitzgerald, Ed	5.00
Arnold, Adrian L.	2.00	Anderson, Jack	20.00	Foltz, Elwood	.25
Cullison, George B.	25.00	Dupaw, James	1.00	Berna, Joseph	30.00
Snyder, Evans	2.00	Fitzgerald, Ed	5.00	List, Lee B.	2.05
Radcliff, Lindy	8.00	Jones, Harold W.	5.00	Gazzo, Peter F.	5.00
Guerrera, Michele	5.00	Rehm, W.L.	10.00	Anderson, William E.	10.00
Hinkle, Donald R.	5.00	Peacock, William	13.50	Anderson, Theodore	2.05
Perry, Louis B.	5.00	Cullison, George B.	35.00	LaMonte, Robert S.	5.00
Ross, Kenwood	100.00	Balestrieri, Ralph	1.25	Spragins, Robert B.	100.00
Pitney, Max L.	40.00	Johnson, Donald H.	10.00	Bell, Roy J.	15.00
Lum, Richard	50.00	Waskiewicz, Michael	10.00	Clark, Charles A.	5.00
Hood, C.W.	10.00	Cubbison, Donald C.	5.00	DeFoor, Ira T.	2.05
Muske, Martin	5.00	Erhardt, Robert H.	5.00	Ferraro, Ralph	10.00
Barry, Robert E.	5.00	Finan, Jack	10.00	Newman, Aubrey S.	25.00
DiMichele, Joseph D.	150.00	Ross, Kenwood	1000.00	Lum, Richard Y.	15.00
Janzer, John L.	10.00	Miller, Herman H.	10.00	Johnson, Raymond	5.00
Faulkner, Melvin	5.00	Nelson, Paul H.	3.00	Murga, Jesse A.	5.00
Mack, James D.	10.00	Joniec, John E.	25.00	Farmer, Edward S.	20.00
MacNider, John	10.00	Syren, Robert B.	5.00	Foster, Jesse L.	20.00
Williams, Thomas E.	5.00	Jones, James B.	5.00	Winerip, Carl C.	10.00
Hill, Jesse R.	7.05	Sousa, Alfred	25.00	Pesko, Frank J.	10.00
Tatman, William	10.00	Beazley, Charles F.	2.05	Mullins, William L.	10.00
McKenney, John F.	5.00	Pesko, Frank J.	5.00	Venezia, John A.	5.00
Nelson, Richard	10.00	Haverty, John G.	10.00	Lewis, Pat	12.05
Davis, Allen D.	10.00	King, Lloyd E.	10.75	Skinner, Franklin	5.00
Tucker, Thomas A.	5.00	Conoyer, Joseph J.	7.05	Stevenson, Gerald R.	20.00
Ronning, Rudolph	5.00	Fritsche, Paul	10.00	Barnett, Lacy	2.00
Blacker, Kemuel K.	5.00	Arboneaux, John N.	12.00	Simmers, Jr., Oliver C.	2.00
Owens, Harry J.	5.00	Avery, Warren G.	50.00	Davenport, Leon	5.00
Shen, Richard B.	1.00	Shay, John R.	50.00	Menninger, Charles W.	17.05
Scheffler, Mrs. Margaret	10.00	Foltz, Elwood	5.00	Owens, Jim	5.00
Bryson, Creighton	5.00	Foster, Jesse L.	25.00	Chevez, Alfonso	20.00
Raszkowski, Raymond	5.00	Nesbitt, Donald S.	15.00	Wyrick, William E.	25.00
Von Mohr, J.A.	20.00	Skinner, Franklin	.75	Phillips, Volney M.	5.00
Tirri, Anthony J.	5.00	Kellum, George A.	25.00	Boier, J.E.	25.00
Boger, Richard	5.00	Dyer, Ralph	18.50	O'Donnell, James	10.00
Wright, James L.	20.00	Dawson, Joseph F.	25.00	Hartman, William E.	20.00
Rochon, Louis W.	5.00	Compere, Thomas H.	100.00	Seck, John F.	5.00
Podgorny, Gilbert	5.00	Jones, Howard	5.00	Heath, Gerald G.	5.00
Keyser, Douglas V.	5.00	Marcangelo, Alfredo F.	5.00	Fies, Raymond W.	10.00
Manselien, Robert S.	5.00	Smigel, Walter	5.00	Lee, B.A.	5.00
Stidham, David	10.00	Marinello, Antoinette	20.00	Coc, Wm. C.	2.00
Marinero, Samuel	5.00	Kernik, John L.	10.00	Crosson, Jr., Hugh	40.00
Mapes, Roland	5.00	Cullison, George B.	30.00	Rasnic, William J.	20.00
Aretz, Thomas	12.05	Carlson, Herbert C.	10.00	Wisecup, Paul F.	20.00
List, Lee B.	100.00	Upton, Thomas	20.00	Brockelbank, Chet	10.00
Aguilar, Leo H.	25.00	Jones, Howard	6.00	Potterton, Lloyd	5.00
Brown, Roy C.	7.50	Austin, Paul	5.00	Ross, Kenwood	121.10
Essex, Talmage W.	12.05	Menninger, Charles W.	10.00		
Knaption, Donald G.	22.05	Girardeau, J.H.	25.00		
Newman, Aubrey S.	98.45	Cutting, Charles J.	2.00		
Silvers, Robert R.	74.00	Howard, Francis G.	5.00		
Weidle, William F.	5.00	Carpino, Lou	5.00		
Koenig, Bertram	10.00	Rogers, Robert E.	5.00		

(as of 6/26/84)



In one of the most significant rulings ever involving the tobacco industry, a US District Court judge in New Jersey held that the warning on cigarette packs does not prevent smokers from suing the companies. The ruling, which came in the case of a New Jersey lung cancer victim, shattered the long-standing belief that the warning rendered the industry immune from liability prosecution. It also paved the way for a trial on the question of whether the companies must pay damages to seven smokers who contacted lung cancer. Watch the suits that will be filed now.



Thanks go to MATT and Jo SABATINE for this one of the brass -- Prexy RAY KRESKY and Maj.Gen. NORMAN SCHWARTZKOPF. We're happy to use it, Jo, but it'll reproduce poorly -- Kodachromes are hard to copy with our photo offset system.

As we go to press, Mondale is hammering Reagan on the sufficiency of the security in Beirut. Think of this. We're living in an age where a president (JFK) was shot and killed, a presidential candidate (his brother) was shot and killed, another president (Ford) was twice shot at and narrowly missed being killed, and another president (Reagan) was shot and nearly killed. Query: if Mondale's rationale is sound, were the presidents in office at the respective times, JFK, LBJ, GRF or RWR, at fault? It all drives home the unpleasant fact that 100% security is not of this world.

The hesitant driver, waiting for traffic to clear, came to a complete stop on a freeway ramp. The traffic thinned, but the intimidated driver still waited, an infuriated voice yelled from behind, "The sign says to yield, not to give up."

Did we make mention of the fact that about 80% of those signing in at C. signed, on the line for "Occupation", that nice little old word "Retired". Like BILL and Lois MULLINS, (C 13th F '42-'44), from Baltimore.



A couple of old faithfuls -- at C. GERRY LIEBER, (Div.Hq. '42-'45), on the left, and LEO CREAMER (G 21st '42-'45), both of St.Louis. We've cut a lot of these pix down. Figure you don't care to look at pants legs or table legs.



DON and Janice HINKLE of L 34th -- They're at 221 N.Walnut, Philippi, WV 26416 - sent us this one of the Lancaster PA gathering of 234th folks in mid-September. Wanna see the boys? Okay, hold on. Bottom row, l. to r. - SAM MARINARO, LEMAR BRINKLEY, MAX SCHINO and FRANK REIMEL. Middle row - VINCE MANNINO, TOM MALLENGER, LOU PENNUCCI, FRANK DELAURO. Top row - LEN KRAJEWSKI, JOE BOCHINO, JIM LUCIANO, FRANK PALMERMO, NICK MARASCO, L.G.HICKS. Top, top, top row - JOHN REILLY, and His nibs, DON HINKLE, our L 34th photographer.

And the gals were there too - Jane BINKLEY, Polly HICKS, Janice HINKLE, Frances LUCIANO, Peggy MANNINO, Alice MARASCO, Moira MALLINGER, Betty PALMERMO, Mary PENNUCCI, Grace REILLY, Betty REIMEL, Mamie SCHINO and Irene KRAJEWSKI.

There's a lot of life in this little group -- and a lot of good fellowship.

ROSCOE CLAXON, at C., made his annual appeal on Kentucky as next year's convention site. He won. We're going to Louisville -- for the 4th time.

FABULOUS. ➡ ➡ ➡

Fabulous is our word for it. Look right to see what Lou and JOHN BOYCE, (F 19th '41-'45), of 1202 Broadway, Rahway NJ, had published in their local paper. We proudly reproduce it in full. This kind of local publicity really pulls for us. You'd be surprised at the numbers of men who'll spot something like this and will write in. As we were saying, Lou and John, you're fabulous. Thanx.



On the left it's Banquet Toastmaster TOM COMPERE with the jacket we've all seen before. Then it's Hilda and Convention Chairman JOHN KLUMP. You were great folks. Oh a few complaints, a couple of boo boos -- but all in all C. was terrific!



Belle STEVENSON, GERRY's widow, came to C., for which we were all happy. It must have been a strain -- but Belle, you were magnificent. Don't lose touch. We love ya!

On page 15, you'll find a full page advert as they called it in Australia. This introduces the plan of the Div. G-5 to make available to us Tee shirts, patches, caps, crests and what not. The page itself can be used as your order blank. Good shopping.

Great having Alice MOCHAK, MIKE's widow, with us at C.

War veterans needed and remembered

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following news article was submitted to The Rahway News-Record and The Clark Patriot by Lucille Boyce of 1202 Broadway, Rahway.

This is the time of year when all veterans meet for their yearly conventions.

We should remember them in our hearts all year, not only on Veteran's Day. The young men were called to war in the midst of their aspiring aims which they had to put on "hold" until the war was won. The sacrifices made during the war years were tremendous.

Now the veterans are getting older and most likely look back to the time of their youth when they answered the call for their country. The army conventions fill this need when the veterans meet and reminisce with their army buddies.

Every year the 24th Infantry Division, whose members fought during World War II in the Pacific and the Korean Conflict, meets in a different city in the United States. This year the convention will be held at the "Netherlands Plaza" Hotel in Cincinnati on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 18 and 19. It is very difficult for the organizers to locate all the former soldiers and there may be some in this area who would be happy to meet their comrades.

Write to the "Taro Leaf," in care of Kenwood Ross, 24th Infantry Division Assn., 120 Maple St., Springfield, Mass. 01103.

In 1949 the veterans met for their first convention in New York City at the Astor Hotel.

Now as the years hurry by the veterans reminisce about the vital part they played in making history. They speak of their fallen

comrades. Time jades history, but not for the veterans who gave their all for their country. They were actors in the scheme of warfare. Their role was that of courageous soldiers, lonesome and homesick, who did not give up the fight for their country in exchange for their personal lives and dreams.

As the veterans greet each other they look for the long remembered faces of their comrades. They do not see the exterior signs of aging, but the young courageous pals they knew.

Time marches on, history marches on, but the lingering memories will be with them always. Their affinity for each other is strong, that wherever they may be, each will travel a thousand miles and more to meet and greet as though these veterans were brothers.

The following is a poem published in the "Taro Leaf," the periodical sent to all members, which was submitted by Mrs. Boyce.

VETERAN'S YEARLY CONVENTION

These men have fought and tasted fear.

And now they meet just once a year.

Shaking hands and slapping backs.

Backs that used to carry backpacks.

They fought, they wept, homesick too.

While eagerly awaiting letters from you.

For all of those who waited at home.

Had to carry the burden alone.

Peace came, the war was won.

The men marched home, their job was done.

It all seems so long ago, time flies.

But let's not forget these great and wonderful guys!

Special of the Month

You're darned right it's special. On Oct. 20th, we are operating a Special Event Station from BILL WILLMOT's K4TF at Merritt Island FL.

We are offering a special commemorative certificate to any amateur station making 2-way contact with K4TF during the 24-hour GMT period of October 20th. Operations will take place approximately 10 kHz inside the general portion of each amateur band. Bands to be used will be dependent upon propagation conditions. Certificates will also be available to short wave listeners who submit correct reports of reception.

To obtain a certificate, submit a QSL card and a large (9 x 12 inch) SASE to K4TF, 1630 Venus Street, Merritt Island FL 32953. If you don't mind your certificate folded, a business sized SASE will do.

God only made a few perfect heads, the rest He covered with hair.

For all the danger, some scientists say there is a good deal of complacency. Dr. Elizabeth M. Whelan, executive director of the American Council on Science and Health, recalls that in 1977 two jumbo jets crashed in the Canary Islands killing 580 people. Imagine, she says, if that were repeated every day; the world would grow hoarse, so loudly would it scream for a solution. But smoking, which kills nearly 1000 a day in the U.S. alone, prompts no such rage, Whalen says.



In '83, we honored Lt.Gen.DONALD ROSENBLUM (on the left) with the WILLIAM JORDAN VERBECK Award. In '84, HUBERT LOWERY (in the middle) was so honored. BILL SANDERSON (on the right) was the awardee some years ago. We're too lazy to look up the year. Bill won't mind, we feel certain.

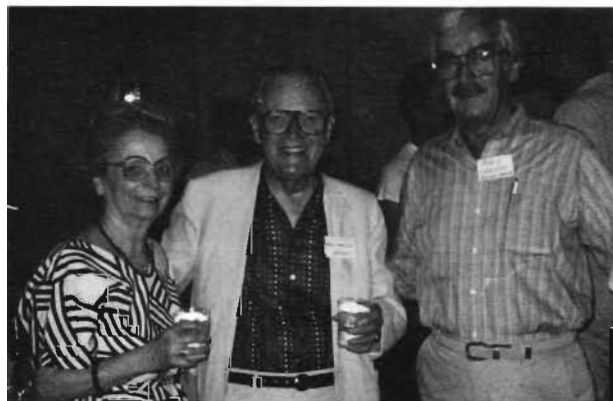


Are Alice SANDERSON and Lessie HARRIS coming or going at C? Our camera man caught them peeking through this doorway. Lessie reports losing "only a few shingles" off their Wilmington NC domicile during the hurricane that recently visited there.

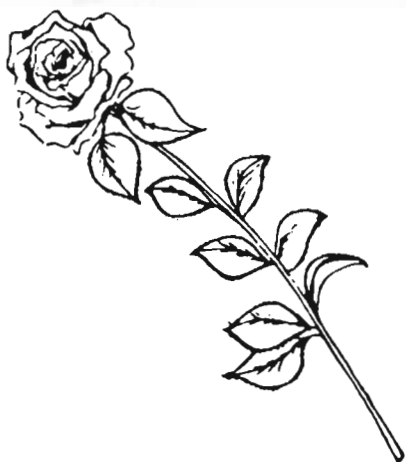
THE INSIDER

TOM UPTON (Div.Hq. '42-'44), of 4 Dartmouth, Forest Hills NJ 11375, Tel. 212-263-0726, is an insider. He learned that we had a few expenses at C. that we weren't quite ready for - so he sent in a \$50 check "to help out". You're a wonder, Tom. Danke.

We got it all together, then forgot where we put it.



Meet our new Prexy -- RAY KRESKY, (24th Recon. '42-'45) -- on the right-- with that grand couple Paul and Ruth HARTLEY. As everywhere, the smiles were wall-to-wall.



Lucien L. Brodeur

LOUIS C. DUHAMEL spotted the obituary notice on LUCIEN L. BRODEUR (B 19th '44-'46) of 20 Ave. A, Lowell, MA. Lucien went to his reard on Sept. 6th. He is survived by his beloved wife, Margaret, a daughter, Mrs. Ronald J. Ralls of Lowell, four sons, David A., Lucien R., Robert W., and Mark S., all of Lowell, and eight grandchildren. We shall miss Lucien; he was a devoted member, and a loyal comrade.

Sadly do we report the passing of good wife, Leona OGLETREE, the longtime mate of Col. JIM OGLETREE, (24th QM at Kokura and Korea '48-'51), of 1002 Mayberry Dr., Tahlequah OK 74464. Leona died last July 20th.

CROSSING THE BAR

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea,

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the
boundless deep
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark;

For tho' from out our bourne of
Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar.

Lord Alfred Tennyson

Sadly do we report the passing of one especially good friend, Col. ROY J. BELL, (Div. Hq. '45-'47), of 205 State, Elizabethtown KY. Roy died on Aug. 26th following 3 difficult years with diabetes. Roy is survived by his lovely wife, Doris, two sons, Roy and Bruce, one daughter, Jean L. Hess. He was with McKesson-Robbins Chemical Co. for 30 years following service with us as Asst. Div. G-3.

Sadly do we report the passing of WILLIAM M. O'KEEFE, (Div. Hq. & Hq., 21st '44-'50). Bill died last July 4th. His beloved JoAnn has written us and wants to be kept on our rolls as she's anxious to follow our doings. She also made a hefty contribution "in memory of Bill." She's at 15208 Fern S.W., Tacoma WA. We are indeed grateful for the loyalty of this gal. It matches that of her Bill. Bill was Life Member #351. He will be sorely missed.

Deceased: HUGH D. WINN, (34th '41-'44) of 2442 Hanford, Atlanta, GA., on July 31, 1984, leaving his wife, Doris and daughter, Marsha Mallet. Hugh worked for 22 years at the Atlanta General Depot in charge of heavy equipment repair. Suffering a circulation problem, his legs were amputated. Lastly he sustained surgery on his hip at the time of his last illness (4 months) in the Decatur, GA VA Medical Center.



Then there's the story of the champion boomerang thrower. His friends got together and decided to give him a new boomerang. The only trouble was he couldn't get rid of the old one.



"I JUST DON'T LIKE GRAVY"

While we were in C., Virgil Partch, the cartoonist was killed in Calif. -- auto accident. Years ago he gave us permission to use any of his "military drawings", like this one above. Rest in peace, Virgil.

Taking a cue from the poultry business, ammunition specialists from the Army have designed a plastic "egg crate" packing system for the tactical movement of large artillery rounds.

The military-style egg crate restraints are interlocking sections of rugged plastic dividers that can be pieced together in the back of unit supply trucks to secure fuzed and unfuzed ammunition that has been removed from the standard rigid wooden pallets that are used to transport rounds from production plants to logistical storage and distribution bases.

The issue of moving loose rounds of ammunition safely, and with a minimum labor, was triggered by a unique requirement from V Corps in Europe. Some of the basic load ammunition stored in bunkers in Europe has been removed from wooden shipping pallets to allow manual handling of the rounds, and to make better use of small storage bunkers in forward areas. Planners figure that in the event of war, there would not be enough time, equipment and labor to repackage the ammunition for movement to firing units.

This means the unpacked ammo -- 100-pound 155 mm rounds and 200-pound eight-inch rounds -- must be moved loose in trucks. The weight and shape of the ammunition makes it difficult to stack and tie down for travel over crude roads and rugged terrain.

The egg crate system is viewed as a simple and inexpensive solution to the problem. The plastic sections of the ammo dividers are interlocked, a panel at a time, so that individual rounds can be slid, without being lifted, into the storage compartments. The dividers are equipped with handles for lifting, and with strap notches for securing entire loads on a truck bed.

Because the ammo can be tied down in a single load, handlers can stack propellant charge containers atop the assembled racks. Under the old supply method charges and projectiles normally were moved to fire units in separate trucks.

The new system has been field tested by the 9th Infantry Division at Fort Lewis.

Notes



Asides

FRANCIS HELLER (Div.Arty.'42-'47) out at the U. of Kansas School of Law in Lawrence, in everything he writes, has been a tremendous slugger around .375, admirable by the standards of major league baseball but pallid for a paladin of journalistic puissance (whatever happened to Spiro Agnew, anyway?). Our record at not blowing our own kazoo has been a good one, we think, but these words from Francis so warmed the cockles of this tired old heart that we just have to share them with you:

"I realize the tremendous amount of work (and bucks) you have put into this Association over the years and I suspect there must be times when you wonder if it's worth it. So, from this one old-timer, thanks for all you have done and are doing. I don't get to conventions (and I am not going to make that sentimental trip back to Leyte) but those four years I put in in the Division have been terribly important in my life -- and your efforts keep them alive for me."

Beautiful words, Francis; you make it all so very worthwhile. Thanx.



"HE WANTS TO KNOW IF THE BROOKLYN DODGERS ARE STILL IN THE LEAGUE."

The Pacific island nation of Papua New Guinea has begun digging into a mountain that will become the third-largest gold mine in the world.

The open-cast Ok Tedi mine is a crock of copper and gold in the remote and rugged Star Mountains.

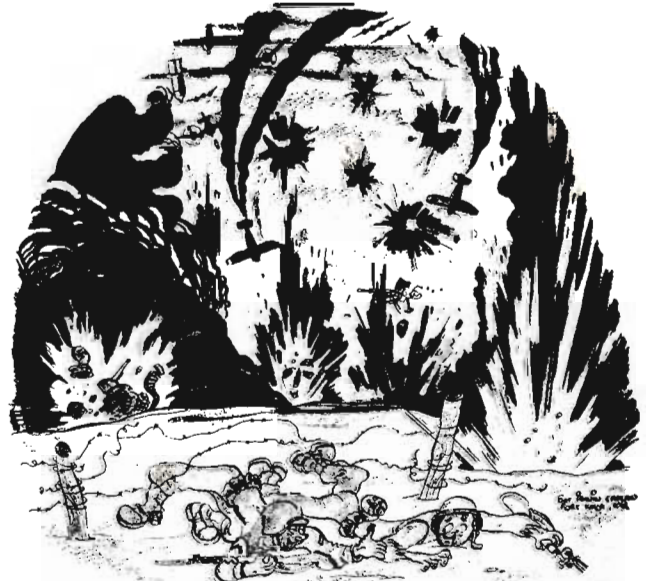
After three years of construction work hampered by a huge mud slide and the freak drying-up of a local river, gold-bearing ore was loaded into the mill grinder for the first time in May.

Officials at Ok Tedi (Ok means river) say that New Guinea soon will become the world's sixth-largest gold producer.

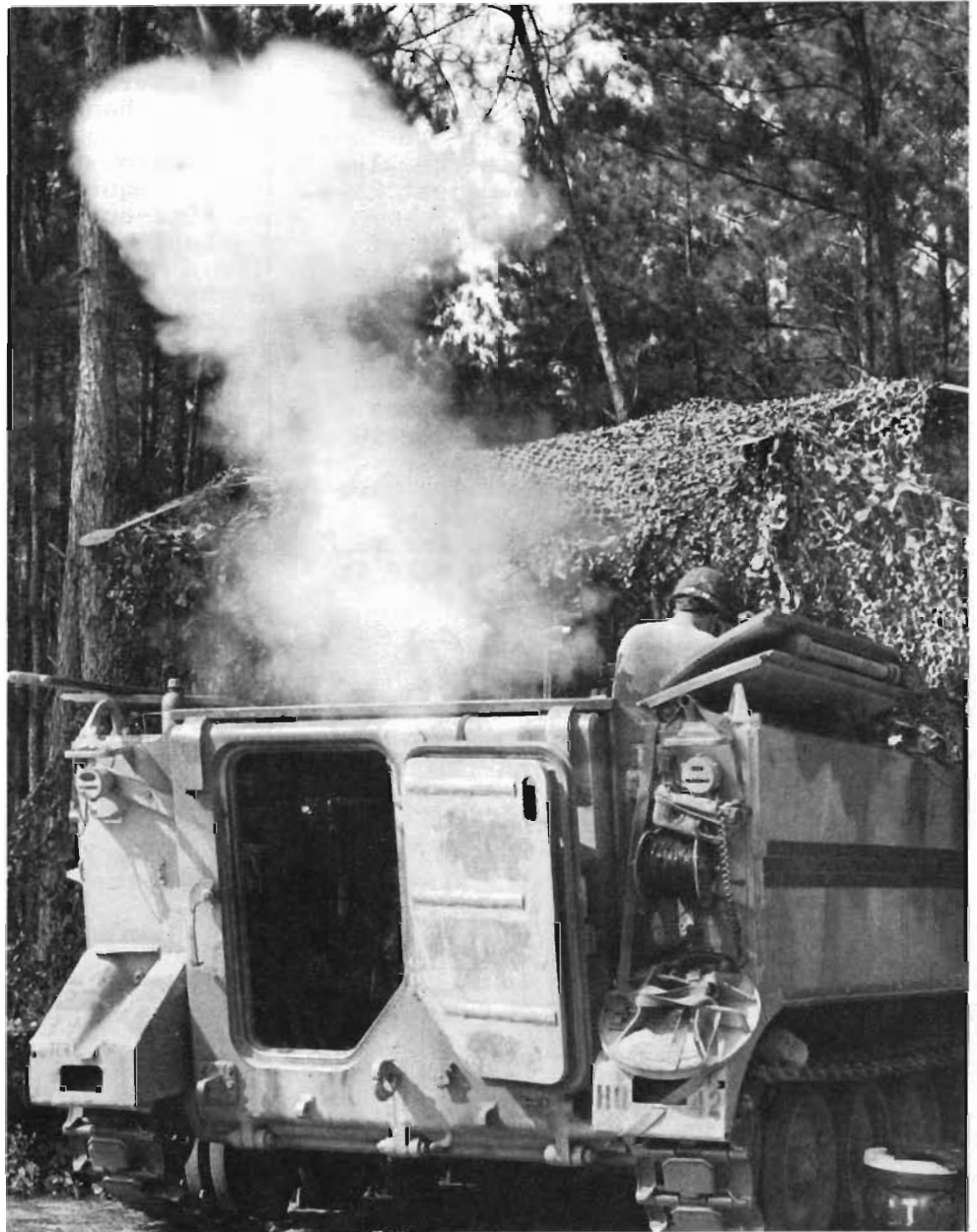
More for a "bawdy" dictionary of soldier talk:

- Apple sauce enema - A chewing out.
- Buck slip - An office form used to pass a problem along for action.
- Canopy - Cloth surface of a parachute.
- Desk-Drawer letter - An official reprimand, but not made a part of service record.
- Eight-ball - Inept, useless fumbler.
- Fifteen and two - Punishment by restriction to given areas plus extra duty.
- Galloping dandruff - Crab lice.
- Hard-rolled - A factory-made rather than a hand-rolled cigarette.
- Indigenous personnel - "The natives".
- Junk-on-the-bunk - An inspection of equipment.
- Kick-out - Dishonorable discharge.
- Lash-up - The way an organization or program works.
- Nappy - The company barber.
- Officer swine - Term used by enlisted swine in reprisal for being called "enlisted swine".
- Pill - An enlisted man in the Medical Corps.
- Quartermaster gait: A leisurely walking pace.
- Rag-bags - Sloppy, undisciplined troops.
- Seam squirrel - A body louse, cootie.
- Tanto boats - A mechanized landing craft.
- Ultimate weapon - An infantryman.
- VOCO - A verbal order of the commanding office.
- Wet read - Interpretation of an aerial photo while still wet.
- XO - Executive officer.
- Yobo - Generally used to mean girlfriend.

The best tunes are played on the oldest fiddles.



"LIKE I WAS SAYING, WITH THE ARMY GIVING YOU FREE FOOD, CLOTHING AND SHELTER, WHAT'S A GUY GOT TO WORRY ABOUT?"



Assistant Gunner Pvt. Michael Horton of Dallas, TX, is hidden by smoke as the 4.2-inch high explosive mortar round he just dropped down his track-mounted indirect fire weapon rides atop a pillar of smoke and flame on its way to Fort Stewart's impact area. Gunner Pvt. "Beef" Dennis, HHC, 2nd Bn, 34th Inf., is turned away from the blast of the mortar fire on Mortar Point Five. (Photo by Sgt. Adolph Mallory).





The New York Times/John Titchen

Rush hour in Honolulu, on Oahu Island. There are 500,000 motor vehicles in the 600-square-mile island.



"AFTER ALL - TWO YEARS
IS A LONG TIME !!"



Now in its third decade of explosive growth, Honolulu and its island, Oahu, are choking on traffic.

In 1960 about 500,000 people lived on Oahu, an island of 600 square miles. By 1970, there were 630,000 people and the population has climbed to 800,000.

There are 425,000 current driver's licenses on Oahu and 500,000 motor vehicles.

There are 7,000 parking meters, and more than 500 intersections with signal lights.

Although there are but 1,300 miles of public roads, including 36 miles of freeway, drivers burn up 235 million gallons of gasoline a year to drive four billion miles.

Traffic clogs many spots. For example, the cross-island movement must move through two sets of tunnels between Kaneohe and Kailua on the Windward Side and Honolulu.

Then the Waikiki district, with its 90 hotels the goal of four million tourists a year, is in a class all its own.

Anyone who says money can't buy happiness doesn't know where to shop.

Everywhere you looked in C., old friendships were being renewed. One would be old, one would be fat, one would be gray and fighting some crippling medical problem. They're 30-40 years older now -- well most of them are. They were enjoying themselves. There was artful dodging about how great they all look, as they back-slapped over drinks.

In which we introduce a new regular
feature --

THE COMMANDING GENERAL'S PAGE --
in which he can say anything he -----
well pleases.

Commander's Message



VICTORY DIVISION
14 September 1984

Dear Ken:

Please accept my sincere appreciation for the tremendous reception we received at the 37th Annual Reunion in Cincinnati, as well as my congratulations on your reelection as Secretary-Treasurer.

Without exception, my soldiers enjoyed the "royal treatment" they received. Your provision of tickets to the German dinner and to the banquet for our enlisted soldiers was certainly appreciated by all. The convention was an unqualified success, and all of our brothers-in-arms from past years went out of their way to take care of the young soldiers there.

I am looking forward to seeing you again in Louisville!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "H. Norman Schwarzkopf".

H. Norman Schwarzkopf
Major General, U.S. Army
Commanding

Mr. Kenwood Ross
120 Maple Street
Springfield, Massachusetts 01103



All the way from Hillsboro, OR. came VALENTINE and Jean SCHAAF (H 21st '41-'45). See what we mean? There's a tremendous amount of loyalty out there on that west coast -- and it wants a little representation.



"And that, roughly speaking, is how you come to have all those babies."

Many of the wandering heroes of mythology reach an impasse at some crucial point in their journey, from which they can proceed only by a laborious retracing of their steps. This is the process of an army reunion, C. f' rinstance.



And from Florrisant, MO. came the waltzing KUBA's, FRANK, on your left (3rd Eng.) and Louise, almost hidden from view on your right, with good Glad LUMSDEN between.



Help! Help! It seems that in '51 the Officers Wives Club in Beppu placed a memorial plaque on a rock in memory of Chick KIA's in Korea. They are now trying to locate the plaque -- typical Army snafu -- no one can find it. If they do find it, there's a group that wants to place it in Arlington. We ask if anyone can shed light on the plaque. We've also volunteered our personal thought that the cemetery folks may not accept it, even if proffered. Stands to reason they must keep a tight control on the plaques, statues, stones et al which are offered for placement there. At any rate, if you have any thoughts on the plaque, please ring our bell.



"WELL, IF IT AIN'T A MIRAGE I'VE BEEN A DAMN FOOL SINCE EARLY IN 1942."

We'll make the annual Treasurer's Report short and sweet, rather than give it a whole page.

In savings accounts and certificates, we have \$36,321.83. We earned \$2801.47 in interest during the year.

In checking accounts, we have \$10,003.42.

Receipts for the year amounted to \$18,399, disbursements including "Taro Leaf" printing and mailing went to \$14,126.

Monies in the bank will defray the cost of printing the history (this year for sure) and leave enough to compensate for the life membership fund.

We simply had to steal this from "Army Times". It appeared as we were putting "Old No. 1" to bed. We offer it sans comment. We'll print the two best letters we receive, commenting on the facts. Letters from POW's especially welcome.

Ex-POW's Book Worries Intelligence Community

WASHINGTON — A new book written by a highly decorated prisoner of war and his wife is causing concern in the defense intelligence community because it contains details about how the POW secretly communicated with U.S. authorities during the Vietnam war.

The book, *In Love & War*, by retired Navy Vice Adm. James Bond Stockdale and his wife, Sybil, discloses that "invisible" carbon paper, messages hidden in photographs and coded letters were used by military intelligence to communicate with prisoners. Stockdale was able to pass along the identities of some prisoners and to notify U.S. authorities that they were being tortured.

Pentagon officials are not openly accusing Stockdale of publishing classified material, but several Pentagon sources indicated there is an undercurrent of concern that the information included in Stockdale's book may make it more difficult to communicate with POWs in the future. "He may have compromised some of our best methods," one Pentagon source said.

Army Lt. Col. Bob Shields, DoD spokesman, said the book is being reviewed by officials in a Defense Intelligence Agency office that deals with POW matters to determine whether classified material was published.

Stockdale was not required to clear the book through Pentagon officials before it was published, but he could face criminal charges for revealing classified material if officials determine such information is in the book, Shields said.

If officials decide classified material is found in the book, a separate decision will be made about whether to charge Stockdale, a Medal of Honor winner, with revealing secrets. One DoD official described a decision of whether to take action on the matter as "basically political."

One Pentagon source, expressing a view shared by several other sources, said, "Let's be honest, before you take a Medal of Honor winner to court on espionage charges, you'd better make certain you have something and have something worthwhile. We don't know that we have that, and we don't know if we will."

Telephone calls to Stockdale to discuss the DIA review were not returned. He teaches undergraduate courses at Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif. and is a senior research fellow at Stanford's Hoover Institution. A 1946 Naval Academy graduate, Stockdale has received the Medal of Honor, two Distinguished Service Medals, four Silver Stars, a Legion of Merit with a Combat 'V', two Distinguished Flying Crosses, two Bronze Stars with Combat 'V's', 10 Air Medals, two Purple Hearts and the Combat Action Ribbon, in addition to campaign medals and unit awards during his active duty.

According to the book, Stockdale, who was shot down over North Vietnam in September 1965, received the first secret communication from U.S. authorities in December 1966, although he did not immediately recognize the message.

A photograph that accompanied a letter from his wife and which she described to be his mother was actually that of a woman he did not recognize. In the letter his wife explained that his mother had come to visit the family and do some swimming and that "all she needed was a good soak."

Stockdale wrote that the picture depressed him, so he decided to throw it away. But, he wrote, he thought it would be "dumb to throw away something from the States without doing more with it. James Bond would soak it in (urine) and see if a message comes out of it," so he did the same.

After it soaked for about half an hour, the Polaroid photograph separated from the paper backing and Stockdale found a message. It said the paper on which his wife had written the letter had invisible carbon that Stockdale should use to send messages home. It also told him to soak any photo he received from home that had a rose in it.

Stockdale's book said he used the invisible carbon twice in letters written to his wife in January 1967. In a Jan. 2, 1967, letter, which Stockdale's captors passed on to a visiting delegation of American women, he provided the names of all Americans that he knew were being held captive and said they were being tortured. In a Jan. 17, 1967, letter, delivered to the United States by a group of clergymen, Stockdale added more names to the list of known POWs, recommended that a propaganda radio station in Ha-

noi be destroyed and told officials what questions the Vietnamese were asking prisoners.

Sybil Stockdale turned the letters over to Cmdr. Robert S. Burroughs Jr., who had contacted her shortly after her husband was captured and arranged for Naval Intelligence to provide the photographs and special carbon paper, according to the book. Burroughs, not further identified in the book, had the letters from Stockdale chemically processed.

A Navy manpower spokesman said he was unable immediately to identify Burroughs or Burroughs' position in the Navy in 1967. Navy records indicate that Burroughs was an aviation officer but not a pilot or naval flight officer. As a general purpose aviation officer, he may have been a specialist in aerial intelligence, Navy officials speculated.

Mrs. Stockdale was taught by Navy officials how to write letters in code, according to the book. None of the coded letters she wrote apparently reached Stockdale during his 7½ years in prison.



U.S. Navy Photo
Vice Adm. James Stockdale

The Div. Chief of Staff, Col. DANIEL R. SCHROEDER, made C. with Gen. S. Grand chap. He was impressed by our "mesmerizingly beautiful, late-summer weekend." To him we replied, "reunion time is an oyster bed, a goldfield for those who revel in nostalgia." Glad you liked us, Dan, 'cuz we liked you.

BOB and Marie Ursula NELSON (F 19th '43-'45), in to C. from Philly glowed with amiability. Good to see them too, especially after Marie's medical problems of last winter. They both looked great.

Our new "Crown Prince" is the very congenial DICK WATSON (19th '42-'45), of Daleville IN. Dick was at C. sans the very lovely Phyllis who stayed behind to attend to her ailing Mother.

The SLOAN's, NICK and Kathryn, (21st '42-'45), of Hoopston, IL made C., thank fortune, and are showing no signs of biological etiolation. They look as young -- and wholesome -- as ever.

the
24th Infantry Division Association
Commemorating the
40th Anniversary

of the landing on L E Y T E in the Philippines,

on 20 October 1944,

hereby presents this certificate to

for making 2-way radio contact with the Association's Special
Event Amateur Radio Station **K4TF** located on Merritt Island,
Florida on 20 October 1984.

BAND	MODE	TIME	SIGNAL REPORT
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The 24th Infantry "VICTORY" Division was formed from elements of the old Hawaiian Division at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii. It received its "baptism of fire" on December 7, 1941, and then fought in the New Guinea campaign. Later, when U.S. troops returned to the Philippines, on 20 October 1944, the Division was the assault force at Red Beach on Leyte. When World War II ended, the Division was assigned to the Army of Occupation. When the Korean conflict broke out, the Division was the first to enter the fight. Today, the Division is based at Ft. Stewart, Georgia. The 24th Infantry Division Association is an organization of individuals who now serve or have served with the Division.

24TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

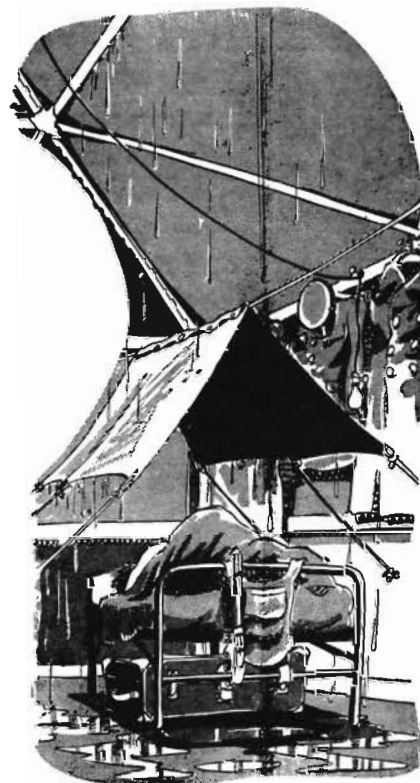
William C. Willmot
Event Coordinator

By: Raymond R. Kresky
President

This is a reproduction, albeit a lousy one, of the certificate to be issued to all amateur radio operators who make contact with our own BILL WILLMOT on October 20th. Bill's call is K4TF. If you're a ham, or know one, try calling Bill on that 40th "birthday".

We do get some strange ones. Now comes a letter advising that "Any veteran who witnessed or was exposed to the atomic clouds in the Philippines area after the Hiroshima and/or Nagasaki bombings may be eligible for special benefits." To which we respond "Tommy-rot". We don't know what the "special benefits" may be. Guess we'll ask and see what reply our informant gives us. Stay tuned. This one is going to be a peach!

Yogi Berra on Don Mattingly: "He has exceeded my expectations and done even better."



Meet this year's WILLIAM JORDAN VERBECK Bowl awardee -- HUBERT LOWRY (Cn. 19th) on the left. That's PAUL "Jr." HARRIS in the middle -- and Hubie's better half, Virginia, on the right.

TEE SHIRTS and BASEBALL CAPS:

ORDER FORM FOR

24th DIVISION TEE SHIRTS 7" PATCH IN CENTER

and

BASEBALL CAPS WITH PATCH

_____ shirts, size S @ \$6.00 each	:	_____ Baseball Caps
_____ shirts, size M @ \$6.00 each	:	(one size fits all)
_____ shirts, size L @ \$6.00 each	:	@ \$5.00 each
_____ shirts, size XL @ \$6.00 each	:	

Please write separate check payable to "AUSA",

and send order to ACofS, G5, 24th Infantry Division (Mech.)
Ft. Stewart, GA 31314

PATCHES AND CRESTS:

ORDER FORM FOR

PATCHES or CRESTS

_____ Division crests (Taro Leaf), \$3.10 per set of two
_____ Division patches, <u>full-color</u> , 58¢ each
_____ Division patches, <u>subdued</u> , \$1.65 per set of two
_____ CIB, metal, full-color, pin-on, 82¢ each
_____ CIB with one star, metal, full-color, pin-on, \$1.32 each
_____ 19th Inf. crests, \$3.70 per set of two
_____ 21st Inf. crests, \$3.20 per set of two
_____ 34th Inf. crests, \$3.10 per set of two
_____ 24th Med. crests, \$3.70 per set of two
_____ 724th Maint. crests, \$3.10 per set of two
_____ 3rd Engr. crests, \$3.10 per set of two
_____ 124th MI Bn crests, \$3.40 per set of two
_____ Other <u>current</u> Divisional unit crests, \$3.10 per set of two

Please identify unit: _____

Please write separate check payable to "MCSS",

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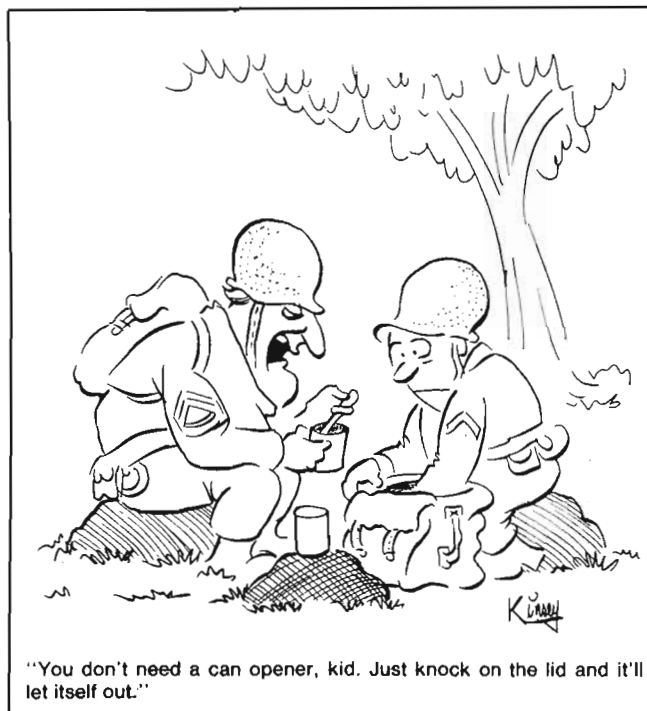


K. Valbor of 457 W. 57th, NY NY, who was a member of the USO Troop which played "Oklahoma" in August of '45 at Davao, is writing a book of "memories" and is anxious to hear from anyone who remembers the show. Here's a part of the letter:

"Mindanao was the last island on which 'Oklahoma!' was played. August 21, 22, 23, 24 in Davao. We were billeted in a huge wooden hotel. We traveled to and from the theatre in opensided trucks. We came in several days in advance, as we usually did to each place as the show had to be hung and the costumes unpacked--that time was usually spent by the rest of us in doing hospital shows and eating with the GIs and the officers alternately, going to dances and whatever but as this was like day after night after day some of it gets a bit blurry. I do remember the spirit of the men of the 24th and their unbounded enthusiasm. God, they were wonderful to perform for and talk with. And then those grasshoppers! How ever did you endure that in battle. We also attended a review of the 21st and watched as General Woodruff awarded 12 Silver Stars. Unforgettable! Not just the medals but everything. I received a note from a Will J. Dallas - who used to call himself 'William Jess Mason #33418086' and he wrote, 'I was 19th Reg. I saw Oklahoma on Mindanao. In fact, the 19th was still fighting. I was the one sent from the front lines with blankets to reserve front row seats of cocoanut logs. Was able to inspect costumes etc.' Quite memorable. It sounds extreme about coming from the front lines but also quite possible. People did amazing things to come to see Oklahoma -- perhaps any show -- but then that whole war on those islands was the most deadly unstructured madness or so it seemed to us on the periphery -- to be in it is inconceivable. I had and have monumental respect for the men who were in the Pacific -- and as I have sat here writing this, I am stunned by what men accomplish in war. I saw Joe E. Brown too on Leyte in May and

Pregnant C. observation by Past Prexy DON WILLIAMS: "The Friday night polka music warmed the cockles of our hearts and we stayed and danced -- but the Saturday night wild man's music was too much for us; we were turned off on the dancing and, in fact, driven from the hall." Right on, brother.

While we were in C., Pete Rose perked up his .259 batting average and 4062 career hits and left Montreal for a gala hometown return as player-manager of the Cincinnati Reds. And what a homecoming it was for Pete. But the cynics underestimated him. He went on to bolt within striking range of Ty Cobb's 4191 career-hit mark for from Aug. 16th on he was on a late-season hitting tear. He's within less than 100 hits of Cobb at season's end. As a Red for the last 6 weeks, he batted .352 with 6 three-hit and 3 two-hit games. Yeh, Pete!!!



Cover Girl on the same island. They were the only two shows I saw overseas - though we sometimes got to a movie on our day off when they were moving the show. To explain my intentions to you regarding the letters, I want to list the names of the men who have written me and to excerpt the parts best suited to convey their remembrances and feelings of 39 years ago. Some are touching beyond belief."

Interesting letter. Boy, we do get some weird ones. It's one of the fascinating things about this job.

Strangely, we do not recall "Oklahoma" - but then, remember that Hiroshima had just been atomized -- so we may perhaps be forgiven.

Write Valbor if you have a "memory".



Putting on the dog



Our Welcome Wagon is out on a call but we'll say "Welcome Aboard" anyway to:

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We were lucky to have this one of that wonderful couple VERN and Dottie SCHENKEL (34th '42-'45), of Florissant, MO. It's great having this pair with us each year. Said Vern: "Like an ox-cart driven in monsoon season, or the skipper of a grounded ship, one must sometimes go forward by going back." So it is with old army folks at reunion time.

Gen. S. was talking about going bass fishing. Said he caught a "mess of bass". Describes a mess of bass as being bigger than a bunch but smaller than a passel.

Talk about troubles. Two weeks after BILL died, Margaret BYRD lost her sister's husband and her daughter's father-in-law. But Margaret can take it. She has grit. Great gal!!!

We kept running into the "Fifth-third Bank" in C. Most unusual name for a bank.



Here's the anniversary baby -- Caitlin McMullen was born Aug. 19, 1983 while her grandparents, NICK and Alice MARASCO (L 34th '43-'45) were at our Savannah get-together. On her 1st birthday, the grandfolks -- and they are grand -- were with us at C. Says Alice: "Some year we'll just have to stay home to help Caitlin blow out the candles before she is or we are too old." She's as cute as a button, Alice - and Nick.

RUCKER FORD's lovely wife, Jane, was a nurse for JERRY VON MOHR some 40 years ago. Of course, they were thrilled to meet each other at C.

Someone asked at C. if we couldn't go only to a hotel that picked up the parking tab. We are constrained to the view that most hotels don't operate that way. Or if they do, they'll sock it to you somewhere else.